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RE-REVIEW

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Office of Current Intelligence
5 November 1962

CURRENT INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Comments on Offensive Missile Strength in Cuba

1. We believe that the Soviets intended to deploy a total of five missile regiments in Cuba, two at San Cristobal and one each at Sagua la Grande, Guanajay, and Remedios. Our estimate of a planned total of 80 missiles in Cuba (48 MRBM, 32 IRBM) is based on relatively firm intelligence on Soviet missile operational concept. According to this concept, each regiment commands two sites, each site contains four launchers, and each launcher has two missiles providing an initial launch and a single refire capability. This means a total of eight missiles per site and sixteen missiles per regiment.

2. This pattern was substantially realized at all of the MRBM sites in Cuba. [redacted] total of 33 MRBM missiles, 23 at the San Cristobal sites and 10 at Sagua la Grande. The [redacted] least six missile transporters at four of the six MRBM sites, or more than one missile per launcher, leads us to believe that the Soviets intended to follow normal doctrine and provide two missiles per launcher at each MRBM site in Cuba.

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3. [redacted], our knowledge of the actual number probably is incomplete because of [redacted] Soviet efforts at camouflage and concealment. In short, we believe that there almost certainly are more MRBM missiles in Cuba than the 33 [redacted]

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4. On 4 November, Kuznetsov in conversation with Mr. McCloy alluded to the presence of 41 Soviet

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missiles in Cuba (presumably either MRBM or IRBM or both). Although we cannot substantiate the Kuznetsov statement, the number used would accord with our estimate that about seven ships carrying at least six missiles and missile transporters each have arrived in Cuba. If we assume that the number of missiles actually delivered was 41 or 42, then 7 or 8 have not been detected to date.

5. Regarding IRBMs, we observed some missile support equipment at Guanajay. Although we do not believe any appreciable quantity of IRBM equipment reached Cuba, we cannot rule out the possibility that a few IRBMs did arrive and remain undetected.

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